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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 638)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the state training school at Eldora.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 233A.1, Code 2018, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **233A.1 State training school — Eldora and Toledo.**

4 1. Effective January 1, 1992, ~~a diagnosis and evaluation~~
5 ~~center and other units~~ are established at Eldora the state
6 training school to provide ~~to~~ court-committed male juvenile
7 delinquents a program which focuses upon appropriate
8 developmental skills, treatment, placements, and rehabilitation
9 on education, observation, and rehabilitation designed to
10 help such juveniles recognize accountability for delinquent
11 behavior by confronting and eliminating delinquent norms,
12 criminal thinking, and antisocial behavior. The state training
13 school shall assist such juveniles in the development of
14 skills necessary to function effectively and positively in the
15 community in a manner consistent with public safety by doing
16 all of the following:

17 a. Providing humane, disciplined confinement to male
18 juvenile delinquents who present a danger to the community.

19 b. Holding male juvenile delinquents accountable for their
20 delinquent behavior.

21 c. Developing efficient and effective juvenile correctional
22 programs within the framework of professional correctional
23 standards and available resources.

24 2. ~~The diagnosis and evaluation center which is used to~~
25 ~~identify appropriate treatment and placement alternatives~~
26 ~~for juveniles and any other units~~ Units for court-committed
27 male juvenile delinquents which are located at Eldora and
28 ~~the unit for juvenile delinquents at Toledo~~ shall together
29 be known as the "*state training school*". For the purposes of
30 this chapter "*director*" means the director of human services
31 and "*superintendent*" means the administrator in charge of the
32 ~~diagnosis and evaluation center for juvenile delinquents and~~
33 ~~other units at Eldora and the unit for juvenile delinquents at~~
34 Toledo state training school.

35 3. The number of children present at any one time at the

1 state training school at ~~Eldora~~ shall not exceed the population
2 guidelines established under 1990 Iowa Acts, ch. 1239, §21, as
3 adjusted for subsequent changes in the capacity at the training
4 school.

5 Sec. 2. Section 233A.14, Code 2018, is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 **233A.14 Transfers to other institutions.**

8 The administrator may transfer to the ~~schools~~ state training
9 school minor wards of the state from any institution under the
10 administrator's charge but no person shall be so transferred
11 who is mentally ill or has an intellectual disability. Any
12 child in the ~~schools~~ state training school who is mentally ill
13 or has an intellectual disability may be transferred by the
14 administrator to the proper state institution.

15 Sec. 3. Section 915.29, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
16 1, Code 2018, is amended to read as follows:

17 The department of human services shall notify a registered
18 victim regarding a juvenile adjudicated delinquent for a
19 violent crime, committed to the custody of the department of
20 human services, and placed at the state training school at
21 ~~Eldora or Toledo~~, of the following:

22 EXPLANATION

23 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
24 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

25 This bill relates to the state training school at Eldora.

26 Code chapter 233A.1 establishes a diagnosis and
27 evaluation center and other units at Eldora to provide
28 juvenile delinquents a program which focuses upon
29 appropriate developmental skills, treatment, placements,
30 and rehabilitation. The bill eliminates references to the
31 diagnosis and evaluation center and specifies that such units
32 established at Eldora shall provide court-committed male
33 juvenile delinquents a program which focuses on education,
34 observation, and rehabilitation designed to help such juveniles
35 recognize accountability for delinquent behavior by confronting

1 and eliminating delinquent norms, criminal thinking, and
2 antisocial behavior. The bill provides that the state training
3 school will assist such juveniles in the development of
4 skills necessary to function effectively and positively in
5 the community in a manner consistent with public safety by
6 providing humane, disciplined confinement to male juvenile
7 delinquents who present a danger to the community; holding male
8 juvenile delinquents accountable for their delinquent behavior;
9 and developing efficient and effective juvenile correctional
10 programs within the framework of professional correctional
11 standards and available resources.

12 Under current law, "state training school" is defined to
13 include units for juvenile delinquents located at Eldora and
14 Toledo. The bill amends the definition of "state training
15 school" to eliminate references to Toledo and makes conforming
16 amendments to Code sections 233A.14 (transfers to other
17 institutions) and 915.29 (notification of victim of juvenile by
18 department of human services).